

Concord Augt
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My dear Mr. Channing,

Yours of the 26th June
I am ashamed to find has
not been acknowledged. Your
that of March 17th has met
with no better consideration.

Please to joy in palliation
of this inexplicable negligence
on my part, that never has
a season of late been so
crowded with surprises. To the
confusing of friendships and

more than

besides - Louisa's return and
the preparation for it, her frail
health and capricious spirit
since her arrival - many
friends of hers and mine who
entertained, among them the
Harris and Miss Brackle - the
Major's decease, and my little
boys - I need not add nor particularize
nearly apologize when I reflect
that life is. For the most, ^{only} ~~only~~
itself.

And almost as I write
comes the news of your loss.
You wrote that Mr Lyman
was ill, and yourself devoted
to his comfort. But I had not
anticipated the course which
withdraws

him from you, and your kind & ^{affectionate} attentions. We must have been much to you, and the remembrance of the past summer particularly precious. I had not the pleasure of knowing him further than what I had of him when meeting him once with yourself in Boston. Thane imagined there was a very tender attachment ^{existing} between him and yourself. Will this count as a present? Communicate a half dozen

You may feel prompted to write. I shall regard it as an additional proof of your

confidence. and trust it may
revive a correspondence which
has been every way so charming
in former ~~part~~. I hope Mrs
Lyman find consolation in
this her bereavement.

Joseph is much better and
about making a short visit
to Receptor. On her return
we hope to visit Connecticut
together. Had gladly would I
visit you, if that might be.

With much love
and sympathy,
Your friend,

A. Bronson Alcott
Miss Channing